



# 2008 Big Game Seasons & Rules



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**Deer, Elk,  
Pronghorn**  
August 2008 -  
January 2009

**Bear,  
Mountain  
Lion**  
August 2008 -  
July 2009

**Including  
Controlled  
Hunts for  
Deer, Elk,  
Pronghorn, and  
Black Bear**



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### Residency Requirements

### Resident License, Tags and Permits Fees

### Nonresident License, Tags and Permit Fees

**Note:** This brochure covers only rules for hunting deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear and mountain lion. Information about hunting upland birds, turkey, small game, waterfowl and moose, mountain goats or bighorn sheep can be found separately in the Upland Game, the Waterfowl or the Moose, Mountain Goat and Bighorn Sheep rules brochures.



**Check out Hunt Planner Maps  
at our web site!**

<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntplanner>

**Note:** For complete legal descriptions of big game management unit boundaries see Fish and Game Website <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/rules>. Fish and Game rules IDAPA 13.01.08.600.01 - .99, or contact a Fish and Game office.

**Mandatory Report Requirements:** All deer, elk and pronghorn hunters will be provided a **Mandatory Hunter Report** card with each tag. All hunters are required to fill out and submit a report by mail, fax, phone or Internet for each tag within 10 days after harvest. Hunters who do not harvest are required to file a report within 10 days after the close of the hunting season.

**The best way to submit hunt information and the only way to get confirmation that the report was received is to do it online. Go to <https://www.idaho-hunt.com>.**

**To submit by phone, call toll free 1-877-268-9365.**

**Mandatory report cards may also be mailed to Hunter Harvest Reports, P.O. Box 70007, Boise ID 83707-0107.**





# Idaho Department of Fish and Game 2008 Big Game Seasons and Rules

August 2008 through July 2009

## Key Dates in 2008:

- 2008 hunting licenses are on sale from December 1, 2007 - December 31, 2008.
- Opening day for pronghorn seasons: Archery, August 15, 2008; Controlled hunts, September 25, 2008.
- Controlled hunt application period for deer, elk, pronghorn, and fall black bear: May 1 – June 5, 2008.
- Controlled hunt application period for spring black bear: January 15 – February 15, 2009.
- Apply early for controlled hunts. See page 73 for application form.
- **Buy a Chance at a Super Hunt Tag**, help pay for *Access Yes!*
- Check out Hunt Planner Maps at our web site. <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/ifwis/huntplanner>

**It is the responsibility of the hunter to become familiar with the rules that affect the hunt in which he or she is participating. This brochure provides seasons for general and controlled hunts, and it provides a summary of rules that govern big game hunting in Idaho. For details about the rules, please refer to these links: Idaho Administrative Procedures Act, <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa13/13index.htm>; Idaho Code <http://www3.state.id.us/idstat/TOC/36FTOC.html>**

## Cover photo: First Hunt

Noah Kanzig, 12, of Sisters, Oregon, shot this mule deer buck in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, Unit 26. He used a Remington rifle chambered in .308 Winchester, with Remington “reduced recoil” 125 grain Core-Lokt bullets.

He is the son of Charlie and Deirdre Kanzig. Because neither of Noah’s parents hunt, Deirdre Kanzig’s sister, Holly Akenson and her husband Jim, scientists and managers at the University of Idaho’s Taylor Ranch Field Station, offered to take Noah on his first deer hunt, and to participate in Idaho Fish and Game’s junior mentor hunt program.

Photo courtesy Jim and Holly Akenson.

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## Cal Groen, Director

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99 Hwy. 93 N., P.O. Box 1336, Salmon, ID 83467.

*To report wildlife crimes, call 1-800-632-5999. Emergency information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.*

**Idaho Relay Service (TDD)** ..... 1-800-377-3529

**Internet:** <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

To receive nonresident license applications, call toll free ..... 1-800-635-7820

*If you buy a nonresident license this year, you will automatically receive an application form for the following year. Applications will be mailed in November.*

### Other Information Numbers

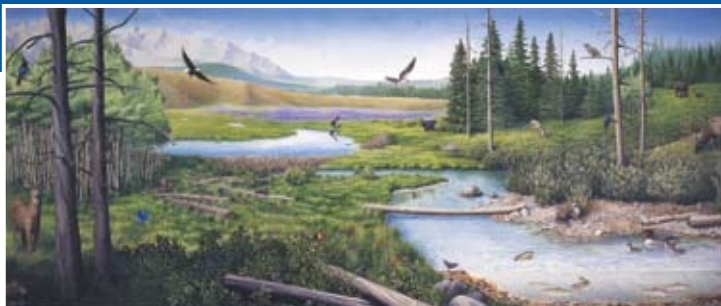
- **Citizens Against Poaching; to report wildlife crimes:**  
1-800-632-5999
- Rules booklets, nonresident license applications:  
1-800-635-7820
- U. S. Forest Service – Boise National Forest:  
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## Getting Started

### To use this brochure:

- Pick the species you want to hunt, then refer to the section on that animal.
- Refer to the map on pages **78 and 79** to find an area to hunt.
- Find the unit numbers on the map and look up the seasons and restriction for those units.
- For help in this process, try the online Hunt Planner at the Fish and Game Website <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Big game hunting in Idaho is regulated by numbered **game management units**.

**General seasons** for black bear, mountain lion, mule deer and white-tailed deer are arranged by these units. Some seasons labeled **regular deer** include mule deer and white-tailed deer, other seasons are labeled **white-tailed** deer only.

General seasons for elk are arranged by larger areas called elk management zones, which are made up of one or more game management units.

Controlled hunts are listed by hunt numbers for controlled hunt areas made up of one or more or parts of game management units.

Controlled hunt areas for deer are not the same as controlled hunt areas for elk or pronghorn or black bear.

For an explanation of controlled hunts and how to apply see pages **70-73**.

When picking a controlled hunt, make sure to use the hunt number from the current year's rule book.

For maps of Fish and Game regions and game management units see pages **78 and 79**. For a map of elk zones see page 26.

Detailed big game hunting rules and restrictions begin on page 62. License requirements and fees begin on page 82.

### Note on licenses, permits and tags:

A **hunting license** is required to hunt. Some species do not require a tag or special permit. But a **tag** is required for all big game species. A **permit** is required, in addition to a hunting license and tag, to participate in controlled hunts. Controlled hunt permits are issued by random drawing.

## What's New?

### New Format

This year the Big Game Seasons and Rules brochure has been revised and rearranged to make it more user-friendly and hopefully to make more sense to first time Idaho hunters.

Please take a moment to look over the contents page for the new arrangement. All the information from the previous brochure is in here, but some things may be in a new location. All the seasons have been moved up, and the rules and fee sections have been moved to the back.

### Muzzleloader Rules

The muzzleloader equipment rules were changed for 2008. The requirement for an external pivoting hammer has been dropped from the rules on muzzleloader-only seasons, allowing the use of some in-line muzzleloaders.

For a complete listing of muzzleloader-only equipment rules, see page 65.



**Helicopter Surveys:** Hunters may encounter biologists conducting helicopter surveys during late season hunts December – March. They will try to avoid flying on weekends or in areas where hunters are observed.